

32. A method as recited in claim 23, further comprising the step of providing, via the on-line connection, information related to resolution of the dispute to at least one of the parties.

33. A method as recited in claim 32, wherein the information related to the resolution is provided in substantially real-time with respect to the interaction.--

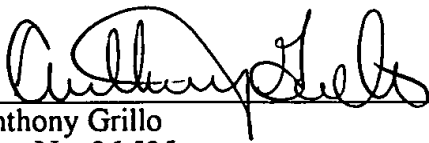
#### REMARKS

Applicant and Applicant's representative, Anthony Grillo, thank Examiner Ouellette and Examiner Dixon for the courtesies extended during an in-person interview on October 7, 2002. During the interview, agreement was reached regarding all of the outstanding rejections and objections. Applicant also thanks Examiner Ouellette for the subsequent assistance provided by supplying an additional reference and by agreeing to conduct a telephone interview with applicant prior to acting on the present amendment. Applicant looks forward to conducting this interview at the Examiner's convenience.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. By way of the instant amendment, claims 3-5, 7 and 12-20 are canceled, and claims 21-33 are added. Thus, claims 1-2, 6, 8-11 and 21-33 stand for further examination. Applicant notes that amended claim 1 is substantially the same, although slightly narrower than, previously pending claim 5. Also, claim 6 is placed in independent form, with claim 21, which depends from the amended claim 6, having the same scope as the previously pending claim 6.

Please do not hesitate to contact Applicant's representative at (610) 306-6071 should you have any questions. Based on the forgoing, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance.

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1. A method of resolving a dispute, comprising:  
at least one of a plurality of parties to the dispute providing, via an on-line connection, an input relating to the dispute;  
information related to resolution of the dispute being provided, via the on-line connection, to at least one of the parties; and  
providing at least a portion of the input in a publicly accessible on-line form and allowing at least some people who access the on-line form to interact therewith, wherein the step of allowing interaction includes allowing a question of a party in the dispute.

2. A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of at least one of the parties providing payment information for use in obtaining a fee associated with the service of providing the resolution related information.

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6. A method of resolving a dispute, comprising:  
at least one of a plurality of parties to the dispute providing, via an on-line connection, an input relating to the dispute;  
information related to resolution of the dispute being provided, via the on-line connection, to at least one of the parties;  
providing at least a portion of the input in a publicly accessible on-line form and allowing at least some people who access the on-line form to interact therewith; and  
determining which people that access the on-line form are permitted to interact therewith based on an assessment of at least one of the person's knowledge of the law and the person's knowledge of the facts.

8. A method as recited in claim 6, wherein the determining step includes assessing the person's knowledge by providing the person a set of one or more questions and evaluating the person's responses to the questions.

9. A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the person is provided another set of questions from the larger set of questions if the person does not answer a predetermined number of the questions correctly.

10. A method as recited in claim 9, further comprising the step of providing educational information to the person prior to providing the another set of questions.

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11. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the publicly accessible on-line form includes an advertising field and wherein the advertising is related to the dispute.

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21. A method as recited in claim 6, wherein the determining step is based on an assessment of the person's knowledge of the law.

22. A method as recited in claim 6, wherein the determining step is based on an assessment of the person's knowledge of the facts.

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23. A method of resolving a dispute, comprising:  
at least one of a plurality of parties to the dispute providing, via an on-line connection, an input relating to the dispute; and  
interaction directed towards resolving the dispute occurring in substantially real-time between at least one of the parties to the dispute and another person.

24. A method as recited in claim 23, wherein the other person is another party to the dispute.

25. A method as recited in claim 23, wherein the other person is a third party other than one of the parties to the dispute.

26. A method of claim 25 further comprising the step of enabling another third party to view the dispute without enabling the other third party to interact with the parties.

27. A method as recited in claim 23, wherein the interaction comprises a question directed to the at least one of the parties.

28. A method as recited in claim 23, wherein the interaction comprises a vote on which party should prevail.

29. A method as recited in claim 23, wherein the input is in written form.

30. A method as recited in claim 26, further comprising the step of enabling the third party to interact based on an assessment of the third party's knowledge of the law.

31. A method as recited in claim 26, further comprising the step of enabling the third party to interact based on an assessment of the third party's knowledge of the facts.

32. A method as recited in claim 23, further comprising the step of providing, via the on-line connection, information related to resolution of the dispute to at least one of the parties.

33. A method as recited in claim 32, wherein the information related to the resolution is provided in substantially real-time with respect to the interaction.